



The Guardians of the Cedars Party issued the following communiqué:

Mediators are very busy searching for a settlement based on the “no victor-no-vanquished” principle, which is the principle on which traditional Lebanese politics has operated through the past decade, and which produces fragmented solutions that only led to postponing conflicts and accumulating crises.

And if the search is ongoing for solutions to the four areas of disagreement: The presidency of the Republic, a National Unity government, the International Court, and early parliamentary elections based on a new electoral law, these issues represent only the façade of the crisis. For deep beneath them lies the conflict between two opposing paradigms: The first is linked to the Western-Saudi-Egyptian axis, and the second is linked to the Syrian-Iranian axis. Coexistence between them is impossible and trying to harmonize them is like harmonizing water and fire.

Therefore, a return to the dialogue table to discuss the façade of the crisis may be useful on the short term, but is inadequate, temporary and a recipe for failure on the foreseeable and long term. Which is why we have called on the parties to the conflict to put their finger where the wound really is, even for once, and discuss the two fundamental issues that constitute the mother of all problems and the source of all the conflicts that exist in the country since independence and to this day. These are: The definition of Lebanon’s identity and determining its foreign policy, and if an agreement is reached on both of these, all the other issues become secondary and easy to grapple with. This is, of course, if they are honest and serious in reaching radical and definitive solutions that put Lebanon on the road to permanent peace and stability.

We said and we reiterate that a definitive exit from the vortex of successive crises won’t occur unless we return to our Lebanese roots, acknowledge the Lebanese identity of Lebanon and the neutrality of its foreign policy, away from all the conflicts taking place in its immediate and distant surroundings. Otherwise, solutions will remain pending and the crisis will remain open-ended and liable to an explosion again at any moment.

Before concluding, we call on those concerned to meditate on the following two comments:

- Not once did compromise solutions build a healthy nation. Rather, they lead to sick and lame countries as has been the case with Lebanon since the early 1940s.
- The policy of “no victor-no-vanquished” has led in the final analysis to a victor and a vanquished. The victors were always the princes of politics and sects, and the vanquished has always been Lebanon and its people... So is there anyone out there to hear and listen???

Lebanon , at your service

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